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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FORD AMPHITHEATRE JOINS THE BICENTENNIAL OF MEXICO CELEBRATION IN LOS ANGELES

Ford Amphitheatre 2010 summer season events focused on painter Frida Kahlo, ranchera composer Jose Alfredo Jimenez, the artistic ferment inspired by the Mexican Revolution and the son jarocho and huasteco music traditions of Veracruz have joined the celebration of the Bicentennial of Mexico in Los Angeles.

"We welcome these performances that reflect the rich culture of Mexico," said Juan Marcos Gutiérrez González, Consul General de México en Los Angeles. "One of the aims of the Bicentennial is to invite everyone — Mexicans and non-Mexicans alike — to participate in events such as these and learn about and reflect on Mexico's past."

"Mexico's Bicentennial is being celebrated throughout the world, and I am proud that the County of Los Angeles is a part of this momentous time in history," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Gloria Molina. "I encourage the public to join us at the Ford Amphitheatre for a special tribute to Mexico, showcasing its remarkable art, music and dance."

### June 11 to September 25, 2010

"**Frida, A New Look**," in which former Director of the Museum of Latin American Art and Cultural Attache of the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles **Gregorio Luke** blends advanced digital technology and theatrical flair to offer a fresh perspective — including recently discovered color photographs and rare film clips — on painter Frida Kahlo (June 11 & 12).

"**Concierto El Rey**," a salute to **Jose Alfredo Jimenez**, the foremost composer of ranchera music presented by producer Raul Ruiz, faculty member of the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at California State University Northridge (August 14).

"**Revolucion: Tierra y Libertad**," an evening of dance about the period of the Mexican Revolution and the art it inspired, performed by the artists of **Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet** led by director Jose Vences, a native of Mexico and former member of the Ballet Folklorico de Mexico (August 28).

**“Third Annual Noche Veracruzana,”** a music and dance performance featuring the *Son Jarocho*, *Huasteco* and *Danzon* traditions of Veracruz, Mexico with **Los Hermanos Herrera, Conjunto Ollin** and others. Presented by **Ballet Folklórico Ollin, Inc.** (September 4).

The eighth edition of Raul Ruiz’s annual **“Fiesta Mexicana”** featuring **Mariachi Cielo Nuevo, Middleton Street School Folklórico, Tamborazo Pancho Villa** and **Trio Jacaranda** (September 25).

Tickets for the Ford Amphitheatre 2010 Summer Season are now on sale at **www.FordTheatres.org** or by calling the Ford box office, **323 461-3673 (GO 1-FORD)**. The Ford Web site home page now features easier access to news about Ford programs, background on the season artists and social networking connections. The site is available in both English and Spanish and in mobile device friendly formats.

The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission, in addition to programming the John Anson Ford Theatres, administers a grants program that funds more than 300 nonprofit arts organizations annually; provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*; oversees the County’s Civic Art Program for capital projects; funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation; and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 40 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2010-11 President of the Arts Commission is Ronald D. Rosen.

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